The LAMP

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I press God's lamp
Close to my breast; its splendour, soon or late,
Will pierce the gloom: I shall emerge one day.
You understand me? I have said enough.

—*Robert Browning.*

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Page 92, col. 2, line 20, for Manustoe, read Namastae.

THE AIMS OF THEOSOPHY.

Its aims are several; but the most important are those which are likely to lead to the relief of human suffering under any or every form, moral as well as physical. And we believe the former to be far more important than the latter. Theosophy has to inculcate ethics; it has to purify the soul if it would relieve the physical body, whose ailments, save cases of accidents, are all hereditary. It is not by studying Occultism for selfish ends—for the gratification of one's personal ambition, pride or vanity—that one can ever reach the true goal of helping suffering mankind. Nor is it by studying one single branch of the Esoteric Philosophy that a man becomes an Occultist, but by studying, if not mastering, them all.

H. P. B., in The Key to Theosophy.